



We are pleased and excited to encourage you to attend the November 15 meeting of the **Tennessee Pollution Prevention Roundtable (TP2R)**. We will hold this meeting in conjunction with the Tennessee Environmental Council and Tennessee Conservation Voters (TEC/TCV) **Summit for a Sustainable Tennessee** conference, in the Ezell Building at Lipscomb University, One University Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37204. The TP2R meeting will begin with networking and refreshments at 8:00 a.m., and will feature guest speakers, TP3 Partner recognition, and participant announcements and updates.

Greenhouse gas emission reporting will be a component of a forthcoming comprehensive climate change policy. Find out how best to measure and report your greenhouse gas "footprint." The TP2R meeting discussion will be led by a representative from the **Climate Registry**, a collaboration between states aimed at developing and managing a common greenhouse gas emissions reporting system. Thirty-nine states, including Tennessee, have joined the Climate Registry and a Tennessee representative will speak at the meeting.

Immediately following the TP2R meeting, the TEC/TCV Summit for a Sustainable Tennessee conference will begin. TEC prepared the following points regarding the Summit, which may resonate well with the companies that are already on board with TP2R and provide insight on how to expand sustainability goals and philosophies.

- The move toward conservation and sustainability is all about *opportunity*.
- Opportunity to experience natural, unspoiled landscapes as places to hike, swim, fish, hunt, camp or simply escape from the noise and rush of our towns and cities.
- Opportunity to leverage cutting edge technologies, to explore new sources of jobs and wealth, and to tap into the innovative power of Tennessee's entrepreneurs, research labs and educational institutions.
- Tennessee's economy and population are growing, and although there is a myriad of benefits that come with this growth there are also many costs to our natural heritage, our public health and our shared sense of civic life.
- And now, with an increased understanding of the threats of global climate change, we all share the critical responsibility to shift our priorities toward healthier choices that are less dependent on using fossil fuels. More and more, the most attractive communities and the most profitable companies across the US and around the world are the ones based on sustainable principles. Tennessee's industries and cities can not afford to sit back while others move farther and farther ahead in the race to live, work and invest green.
- 2007 is the time to imagine in detail what a healthy, prosperous, ecologically balanced Tennessee would look like, *and feel like*, in 25 or 50 years. Working together, we can begin *today* creating that greener, more sustainable place for working, for learning and for living.

Register Now! Conference space is limited and openings are disappearing quickly. Visit the website at <http://www.tectn.org/sustainabletn.htm> for additional information and to register. For sponsorship opportunities, interested companies should contact TEC Executive Director John McFadden at (615) 248-6500.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the TP2R meeting, so that we may prepare a name badge for you and to ensure adequate refreshments for the participants. You may **RSVP to Pollution.Prevention@state.tn.us**

We hope to see you there!

TP2R Planning Team

